



Letters from District No. 10

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Happy Holidays to You!

Whatcom Lodge Report

The Holiday Season is full upon us, Black Friday is now the week after Thanksgiving instead of just one day. Whatcom Brothers your Lodge has been very busy this year with new members, degree work, a return to the State Street Hall and interesting programs mixed into our meetings. Active participation in our events has helped our Lodge stay healthy.

Events: In addition to our 1st and 3rd communications we have a luncheon every 3rd Tuesday and attendance is regularly in the teens. Our Annual St. John the Evangelist Feast Day celebration takes place just after Christmas on Friday, December 27th.

Stated: On November 17th we held our Stated Communication and there were 21 Whatcom Brothers and 2 non-mason guests for dinner. Our Sec'y gave the lodge financial report and the bills were enumerated and authorized for payment.

St. John's Feast Day: WB Craig Bruner gave new details for the upcoming St. John's Day Feast. This year to be held at the Scottish Rite Hall on State St. in Bellingham. See page 3 for details.

Proficiency: Brother Randy Benson is ready to complete his EA Proficiency, if his work schedule cooperative he hope to proof up at our Special Communication on Thursday, December 5th.

Masonic Education: WM John read an article about Tracing Boards which was followed by an excellent video brought in by WB Ken Peck on the same subject. The video was produced by the Scottish Rite Museum and Library.

From Your Sec'y: I finally have most of the Dues/Assessment Notices out. The Fifty members I have put to the last as the are exempt from Dues, but any donation they care to make is most welcome. Let me know if you some I have made an error is you status with the Lodge. I am human and I do make some mistakes.

Fraternally: VW John Browne...my contact info is on page 4.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Dec 6 th	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Dec 12 th	Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge 56 - 7 pm
Dec 19 th	Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, December 17th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Feast of St. John the Evangelist... The annual feast will take place this year in the Scottish Rite Dining room. The social hour will begin at 6:pm. The date is the traditional Friday, December 27th. Attire is business suit for men and the ladies may dress up for a festive evening. An **RSVP** is expected to help us plan. The sec'y will take your information: jbrowne.brf@gmail.com

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, January 17th at 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, February 18th at 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, March 17th at 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. Yeh, St. Patrick's Day. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Coffee.... Don't forget, Coffee-Tea and / or lunch at the Scottish Rite Hall each Wednesday at noonish. VW Don Higerson will have the coffee on at 11:30 am. Good discussion and lunch if you wish to bring one.



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1st (special) and 3rd (stated-business) Thursdays of each month.

Whatcom Lodge emphasizes Masonic heritage and ritual proficiency. We are proud to support our Masonic Youth organizations and encourage members to practice charity outside the lodge. It is our intention to promote individuals to build their own strong moral and spiritual temples.

Notes from Lynden/Ferndale Int.
Lodge No. 56

Dec 12th Stated Meeting 7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Masonic Education

Brothers please join us as we begin to explore the Matthew Cooke manuscript. This will be a four part series where we read and discuss the contents of the piece and look at how it affected today's masonry.

Next Stated Communication

Our next Stated meeting is on Thursday, January 9th, in the New Year and decade of 2020.

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary....Ph. 392-0145 _ rhdecima@aol.com.

Here is what **Bellingham Bay** has going on.

Friday December 6th Stated Communication:

Friday February 20th Special Communication:

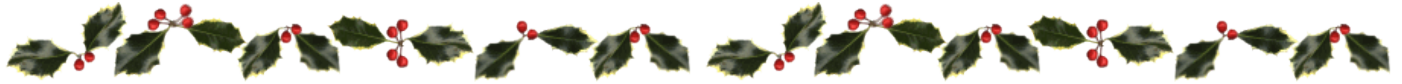
Northwest Shrine Club

The next meeting of the Northwest Shrine Club will be held on December 3rd. Dinner meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Jeckyl & Hyde Restaurant.

Submitted by
Noble Greg Cory
Past President

If Serving is Below You
Leadership is Beyond You





2019 Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Open to the Masonic Community

This is a festive suit & tie affair so our Ladies can dress up

Friday, December 27th at the

Scottish Rite Temple

1101 North State Street, Bellingham, WA

Dinners are **\$32.50** per plate

Wine/Beverages will be provided

You have a choice between two main entrees

Prime Rib OR *Salmon*

RSVP's are required by ***Dec 19th*** and are to be accompanied by your check and main course choice(s).

(Once meals have been confirmed to the caterer no refunds are possible for ***NO Shows***)

Questions to WB Craig Bruner: 360-319-7163 craigwbruner@hotmail.com

"Make Checks payable to Whatcom Lodge #151"


Send your *RSVP* + *entrée choice and check to*

Sec'y John Browne

9960 Stardust Lane, Maple Fall, WA 98266



BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ; FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center; FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>1st Advent</i>	2 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30	3 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	4 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	5 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	6 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	7
8 <i>2nd Advent</i>	9 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	10 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	11 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	12 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm EA Degree is planned Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	13 BB # 44	14
15 <i>3rd Advent</i>	16 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	17 Whatcom Lunch 12 noon Rusty Wagon ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	18 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	19 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	20	21
22 <i>4th Advent</i>	23 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	24  <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm ? <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC) <i>2nd day of Christmas</i>	27 <i>Feast of St. John See page 3</i> <i>3rd day of Christmas</i>	28 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm <i>4th day of Christmas</i>
29 <i>5th day of Christmas</i>	30 <i>6th day of Christmas</i>	31 <i>7th day of Christmas New Year's Eve</i>	1 <i>8th day of Christmas New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>9th day of Christmas</i>	3 <i>10th day of Christmas</i>	4 <i>11th day of Christmas</i>

**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 1**

If you would like to know more about the W & O Fund contact one of the officers listed below.

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WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*
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